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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

SIPA LIQUIDATION

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation
of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

HELENE SAREN-LAWRENCE,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04898 (SMB)

WITHDRAWAL OF SIPC CLAIM

Notice is hereby given that Helene Saren-Lawrence withdraws the SIPC claim she filed in this case. Saren-Lawrence believes that her claim was expunged based upon the following facts:

1. In November 2009, Saren-Lawrence filed an objection to the Trustee's Determination Letter on the basis that her net equity should be defined based on the Last Statement Method, as expressly required under SIPA. *See* Saren-Lawrence's Objection, ECF Nos. 612. Saren-Lawrence's objection was based on the Trustee's methodology for calculating net equity.

2. Pursuant to the bankruptcy court's "Order Scheduling Adjudication of 'Net Equity' Issue," entered on September 16, 2009, (the "Scheduling Order," ECF No. 437) the bankruptcy court set a hearing date of February 2, 2010 "to address whether Net Equity, as defined by SIPA, is calculated using the Net Investment Method or Last Statement Method." *The Net Equity Decision*, 424 B.R. 122, 126 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2010), *aff'd*, 654 F.3d 229 (2d Cir. 2011).

3. Pursuant to the Scheduling Order and the Claims Procedures Order, the Trustee made a motion in the bankruptcy court seeking an order: (1) upholding the Trustee's determination denying customer claims based on the Last Statement Method; (2) affirming the Trustee's determination of net equity based on the Net Investment Method; and (3) expunging objections to the Trustee's determinations of net equity claims filed by a certain group of claimants, in which Saren-Lawrence was expressly included. *Net Equity Decision*, 424 B.R. at 123. The bankruptcy court upheld the Trustee's determination to deny customer claims based on the Last Statement Method; upheld the Trustee's selection of the Net Investment Method; and expunged Saren-Lawrence's objections. *Id.* at 143. The Second Circuit affirmed Judge Lifland's decision. *See Net Equity Decision*, 654 F.3d 229 (2d Cir. 2011). The Supreme Court denied *certiorari*. 133 S. Ct. 24, 25 (2012).

4. Thus, Saren-Lawrence's claim was fully and finally resolved. *See Net Equity Decision*, 424 B.R. 122, 124, 143 (S.D.N.Y. Bankr. 2010) (Lifland, J.), *aff'd* 654 F.3d 229, 242 (2d Cir.); Appendix 1 to the *Net Equity Decision*, listing objecting claimants, ECF No. 1999 (March 1, 2010); *see also* Certification of Helen Davis Chaitman in Opposition to the Trustee's Motion for an Order Approving the Trustee's Re-Definition of "Net Equity" Under the Securities Investor Protection Act, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, ECF No. 761-0, 761-1 (Nov. 13, 2009).

5. Indeed, since the Supreme Court denied *certiorari* in 2012, the Trustee has taken no action in the bankruptcy court which would suggest that the Trustee believed Saren-Lawrence has an unresolved objection to the Trustee's determination of her SIPC claim. If he believed that Saren-Lawrence has an unresolved objection to his determination of her SIPC claim, he has breached the fundamental requirement under SIPA that the Trustee "provide for prompt payment and satisfaction of net equity claims of customers." 15 U.S.C. Section 78-fff-3.

6. The Trustee argues that Saren-Lawrence's SIPC claim specifically raises the allegation that the Trustee has inappropriately asserted "fraudulent conveyance judgment[s] for sums that were transferred" into her BLMIS accounts beyond the statute of limitations period applicable" and "solely for SIPC's benefit." The Trustee claims that the "Omnibus Motions" did not deal with this issue. However, as the Trustee knows, this issue was fully and finally decided against Saren-Lawrence by the Second Circuit in *Matter of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC*, 697 Fed. Appx. 708 (2d Cir. 2017).

7. Since the Trustee is now claiming, contrary to the record, that Saren-Lawrence's SIPC claim is unresolved, Saren-Lawrence withdraws her SIPC claim to remove any possible doubt.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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